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Consumer Price Index – July 2013

Information released today by Statistics Canada indicates that the Yellowknife All-Items Consumer Price Index rose 1.8% from July 2012. By comparison, the annual price increase was 1.3% for Canada, 1.9% for Edmonton and 2.1% for Whitehorse.

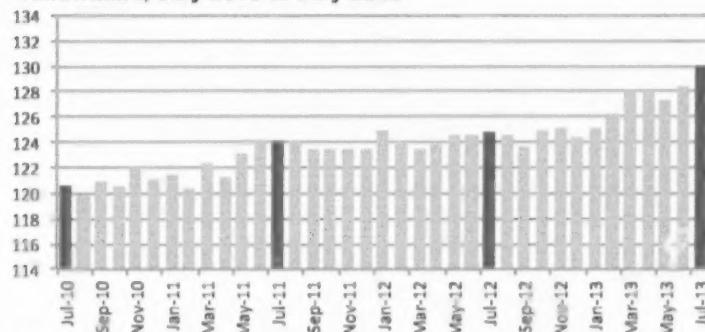
All-Items Consumer Price Index (2002=100)

	13-Jul	13-Jun	12-Jul	% Change from		12-Month Average			% Change
				13-Jun	12-Jul	12-Aug	11-Aug	12-Jul	
Yellowknife	126.5	126.5	124.3	-	1.8	125.3	123.6	123.6	1.4
Whitehorse	124.0	124.1	121.4	-0.1	2.1	121.9	119.8	119.8	1.8
Canada	123.1	123.0	121.5	0.1	1.3	122.3	121.2	121.2	0.9
Edmonton	129.5	130.0	127.1	-0.4	1.9	128.4	127.0	127.0	1.1

Compared to July 2012, consumer prices in Yellowknife increased for all major components with the exception of household operations & furnishings. The highest price increases over the last 12 months were for food (4.2%), alcoholic beverages & tobacco products (3.6%) and transportation (3.2%).

CPI - Food

Yellowknife, July 2010 to July 2013



While Yellowknife food prices have remained stable in 2011 and 2012, they have trended upward during the first half of 2013. Since December 2012, food prices have increased 5 of the last 7 months, most recently rising by 1.2% between June and July 2013.

Other notable price increases from last month include recreation, education & reading (1.4%) and water, fuel & electricity (1.6%). The price increases from last month were offset by price declines in clothing & footwear and transportation resulting in no change to the CPI between June and July 2013.

CPI values for Yellowknife and Whitehorse include estimates of price changes for owned accommodation based on the price of rental accommodation. As a result, the all-items indexes published for these centers are not strictly comparable to those for Canada and Edmonton.

Next release of CPI: Friday, September 20, 2013.

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Consumer Price Index, July 2013
 Selected Indexes, Yellowknife (2002 = 100)

	13-Jul	13-Jun	12-Jul	13-Jun	% Change from 12-Jul
All Items	126.5	126.5	124.3	-	1.8
Food	130.0	128.4	124.8	1.2	4.2
Food from Stores	128.9	127.0	123.7	1.5	4.2
Food from Restaurants	132.9	131.9	127.7	0.8	4.1
Shelter	146.6	146.2	144.9	0.3	1.2
Water, Fuel & Electricity	189.9	187.0	187.5	1.6	1.3
Household Operations & Furnishings	110.6	110.1	111.4	0.5	-0.7
Household Operations	119.6	118.9	118.6	0.6	0.8
Household Furnishings	92.3	92.0	95.7	0.3	-3.6
Clothing & Footwear	99.0	100.6	98.9	-1.6	0.1
Clothing	91.3	93.3	92.2	-2.1	-1.0
Footwear	95.6	95.3	95.3	0.3	0.3
Clothing Accessories & Jewellery	142.0	144.5	135.0	-1.7	5.2
Clothing Material, Notions & Services	110.0	110.0	110.3	-	-0.3
Transportation	119.3	122.0	115.6	-2.2	3.2
Private Transportation	117.4	120.9	114.6	-2.9	2.4
Public Transportation	130.1	129.7	122.2	0.3	6.5
Health & Personal Care	118.3	117.9	117.0	0.3	1.1
Health Care	117.4	117.8	118.4	-0.3	-0.8
Personal Care	119.9	119.0	117.0	0.8	2.5
Recreation, Education & Reading	103.6	102.2	102.5	1.4	1.1
Recreation	101.0	99.3	99.9	1.7	1.1
Education & Reading	119.4	119.4	118.2	-	1.0
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	159.3	159.1	153.7	0.1	3.6
Alcoholic Beverages	145.6	145.3	139.6	0.2	4.3
Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies	172.5	172.5	168.2	-	2.6
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:					
All-Items Excluding:					
Food	125.8	126.1	124.1	-0.2	1.4
Energy	121.5	121.6	119.2	-0.1	1.9
Shelter	118.2	118.3	115.8	-0.1	2.1
Alcoholic Beverages	126.1	126.0	123.9	0.1	1.8
Tobacco Products	125.5	125.5	123.4	-	1.7
Housing (1986 Definition)	136.3	135.4	135.0	0.7	1.0

Note: Additional indexes are available from T-stat and Statistics Canada Catalogue 62-001.
 Source: Statistics Canada